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The father and mother of Miss Clark were for nine years missionaries in West Africa under the American Presbyterian Board but were compelled to return to the United States on account of the failure of Mrs. Clark's health. After their return Mr. Clark was engaged in translation work at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for a short time, but in 1870 turned his face to Dixon County, Neb., which was in those days the "far, far west." Miss Clark was only an infant then, and her childhood was spent in a quiet country home on the prairie, where she and her brothers and sisters received their early education from their parents, there being no suitable schools within reach. There were six children in the family, four boys and two girls, of whom our little girl was the fourth child.

In '87 the Clark family removed to Parkville, Mo., in order that the children might have the benefit of Dr. McAfee's most excellent Academy and College, and five out of the six sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clark are graduates of that institution, Carrie having completed her course in 1895. The same year she sailed for India under appointment of the Punjab Mission.

As to the influences that lead to her becoming a missionary, let her speak for herself:

"From my earliest childhood the calling of a missionary was held up before us in our home, as the highest and most blessed. We were given books and magazines to

read on missions and biographies of eminent missionaries; and were taught to put our little earnings all into the 'missionary box.' By temperament, a happy, light-hearted, irresponsible child, I gave little thought as to what I would do or be. I was inclined to let the future take care of itself and enjoy the present to the full. I joined the church at the age of fifteen, but had no deep spiritual awakening until during my second year in college.

The earnest teaching of my early years together with the strong missionary spirit of Park College began to bear fruit in my slowly developing inner life.

An earnest appeal to the students by the travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement just at that time, brought me face to face with my duty and after months of struggle, I was able to say gladly, 'If it is His will, I shall devote my life to Foreign Mission work.'"

As Miss **Clark's brother had** been already two years in India, her desire naturally turned to that field, and it was with feeling of deep joy and gratitude that she received her appointment to the Punjab. For seven and a half years she worked in Ludhiana and the surrounding districts, teaching in the primary schools for non-Christian girls and in zenanas. It was her privilege to carry the message to many women who had never heard the Christ message before and to visit and instruct as well, scattered village Christians.

In 1904, after her furlough, she was appointed for two happy years to teach in the Woodstock School but has since re-

turned to work in the plains where her heart really called her.

Her work in Ferozepore is teaching the Christian women in the Training School and working in the city school for non-Christian girls and in the homes of Moha and Hindu.

"Never for an hour have I regretted that I came to India. God has planned far better for me than I could have planned for myself. Although I can look back and see the many mistakes and the constant failure to reach the high standards of life and service to which God would have had me attain, yet He has been all patience and gentleness and He is leading me on to know Him and His perfect will for me.

How I wish I might impress upon the multitudes of earnest young men and women who are yearly deciding upon a life work, the blessedness and joy to be found in service for Christ in needy lands, if entered upon with His approval and with an eye single to His glory."

It is needless to add that Carrie R. Clark is one of our most dearly beloved members of the "Vanguard." Her personality is as sweet and charming as her spiritual life is pure and ideal. Those of us who have had the delight of knowing her personally as well as officially, realize how blessed we are in having such a representative in India.

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